



Using the resource

- * This is a listening activity for lower intermediate level learners. First record the dialogue using two people if possible.
- * Set the scene: Introduce the dialogue by asking about sports in your learner's country. Ask if they play any.
- * Ask your learner if they watch sports on TV – which ones do they like?
- * Do they know the Olympics is starting soon? – elicit what your learner may already know.
- * Play the tape, asking your learner to listen for one simple item – like when the Olympics start. How many people were talking.
- * After a couple of listenings, you may be able to pick up one or two new words to discuss.

From here there are a number of activities:

- * You can read through the dialogue in pairs, change parts, change the details etc.
- * If your learner is confident – ask them to listen and fill in the blanks (This is a 'cloze' exercise.) They can check against the transcript which is the key.
- * Make this cloze easier by providing the missing words in a box at the bottom – your learner can select the appropriate one.
- * Cut the dialogue into strips – your learner can order them as they listen.
- * Record the dialogue with your learner.
- * Extend on the conversation – what other questions can you ask?
- * Let your learner keep the tape to listen to over the week.

Hana: "Hi Jacob"

Jacob: "Hello, Hana. How's it _____?"

Hana: "Oh, _____ _____. How are things with you?"

Jacob: "Not too bad, thanks. I t's been a _____ winter, this year, _____ it?"

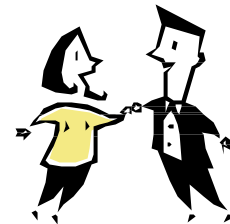
Hana: "Yes, not too bad. And the _____ are starting soon. Are you a sports _____?"

Jacob: "Well, I don't play sports anymore, but I'm _____ _____ to watching the Olympics on TV. When do they start?"

Hana: "The opening _____ is on September 15th, Why don't you come around and watch it at my _____?"

Jacob: "OK, that would be _____."

Hana "I'll give you a _____ this weekend to _____ it."



Tapescript

Hana: "Hi Jacob"

Jacob: "Hi, Hana. How's it going?"

Hana: "Oh, pretty good. How are things with you?"

Jacob: "Great, thanks. I t's been a mild winter, this year, hasn't it."

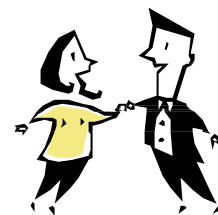
Hana: "Yes, not too bad. And the Olympics are starting soon. Are you a sports fan?"

Jacob: "Well, I don't play sports anymore, but I'm looking forward to watching the Olympics on TV. When do they start?"

Hana: "The opening ceremony is on September 15th, Why don't you come around and watch it at my place?"

Jacob: "OK, that would be great."

Hana "I'll give you a call this weekend to arrange it."



A starts.
Work in pairs
to complete
the sen-
tences.

Labour Weekend



A

This year, Labour Weekend is ____ to ____ of October. It is a day to _____ the workers of our country. It is a _____ for all New Zealanders.

Monday is a '____'. This means that we don't work or _____ on this day.

Many _____ for the weekend. The roads are busy on _____

Monday. There are often many _____ over Labour Weekend. Are you _____
_____? Remember to _____!



B

This year, _____ is 20th to 23rd of _____. It is a _____ re-
member the workers of _____. It is a public holiday for all _____. Mon-
day is a 'day off'. This means that we _____ or go to school _____.

Many Kiwis go away _____ . The roads are busy on Friday and on Mon-
day. There are _____ road accidents over Labour Weekend. _____ going
away? _____ drive carefully!

Split Dictation – Labour Weekend

Do this exercise together with your learner. You are A & they are B. You can also use it with groups – with everyone working in pairs.

This year, Labour Weekend is 20th to 23rd of October. It is a day to remember the workers of our country. It is a public holiday for all New Zealanders. Monday is a 'day off'. This means that we don't work or go to school on this day.

Many Kiwis go away for the weekend. The roads are busy in Friday and on Monday. There are often many road accidents over Labour Weekend. Are you going away? Remember to drive carefully!

Sports Quiz

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This activity can be used with low level groups. Learners can answer Yes/No and suggest other activities they might like to ask others.

Do you like _____?	Yes, I do No, I don't
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Name	 cycling	 swimming	 fishing	 tennis	 rowing

Sporty Websites

By the way, the Olympics start Sept. 15th & finish Oct. 1st

Well yes, Olympic fever is just about to take hold. Some will be running for cover & others will be glued to the box. Your learner might well fall into the latter category – they can actually watch something that's not too demanding for a change.

To catch the latest information try www.olympics.org for all your official updates on events, athletes & medal tallies. Also <http://olympic.datops.com/>

A group of Brazilian students studying English have put together a sporty

web site with a questionnaire. It also links through to Olympic focus web-sites. The address is rather complicated (a low cost host perhaps?). If you have a steady hand, type <http://fln-bma.yazyiyi.com.br/eaclu9922.htm>

For hangman games that include sports topics, go to the 'English Club' web site homepage (www.englishclub.net). Click on 'FUN', 'GAMES' then 'HANGMAN' & you'll be able to chose the sports version.

Finally, if it's a discussion you're after,

Dave's ESL Café has a page you c link to on their 'ESL Café's Student Forums'. Sports is one option on th pull-down bar topics, with queries to respond to from 'What's your favou sport?' to '2002 world cup Korea & pan!'



Sports



1 basketball



2 water-skiing



3 gymnastics



4 volley-ball



5 cycling



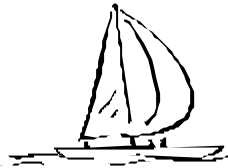
6 running



7 football



8 judo



9 sailing



10 baseball



11 high-jump



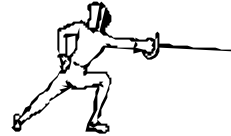
12 tennis



13 table tennis



14 skiing



15 fencing



16 skating



17 golf



18 swimming

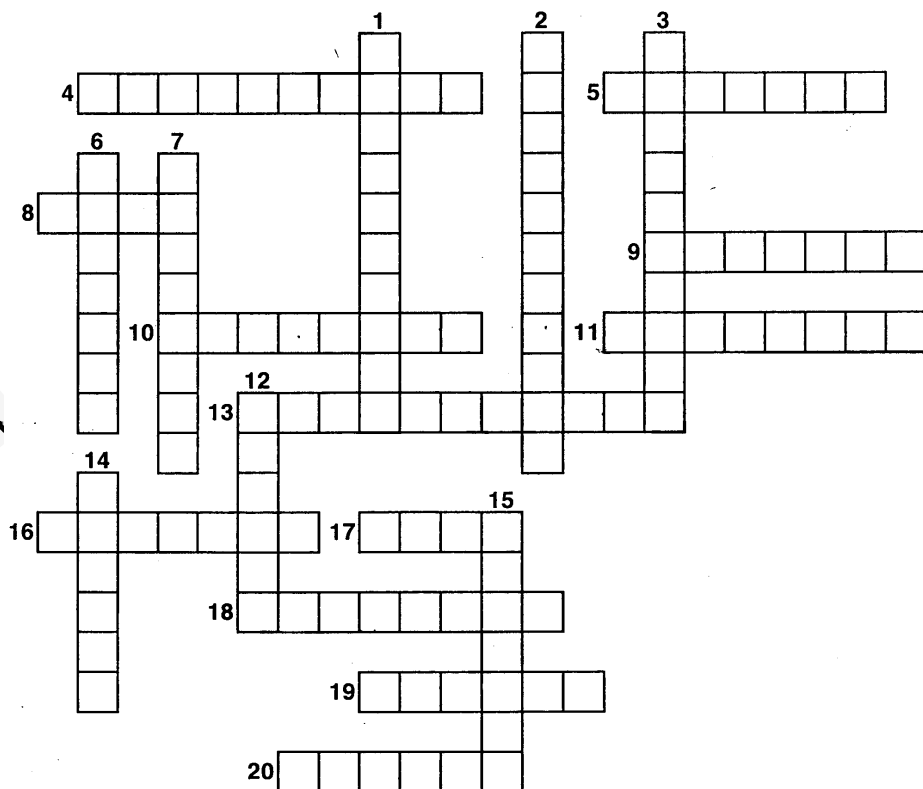


19 rowing



20 riding

If your learner is confident you can twink out the words under the pictures, leaving the numbers only.



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